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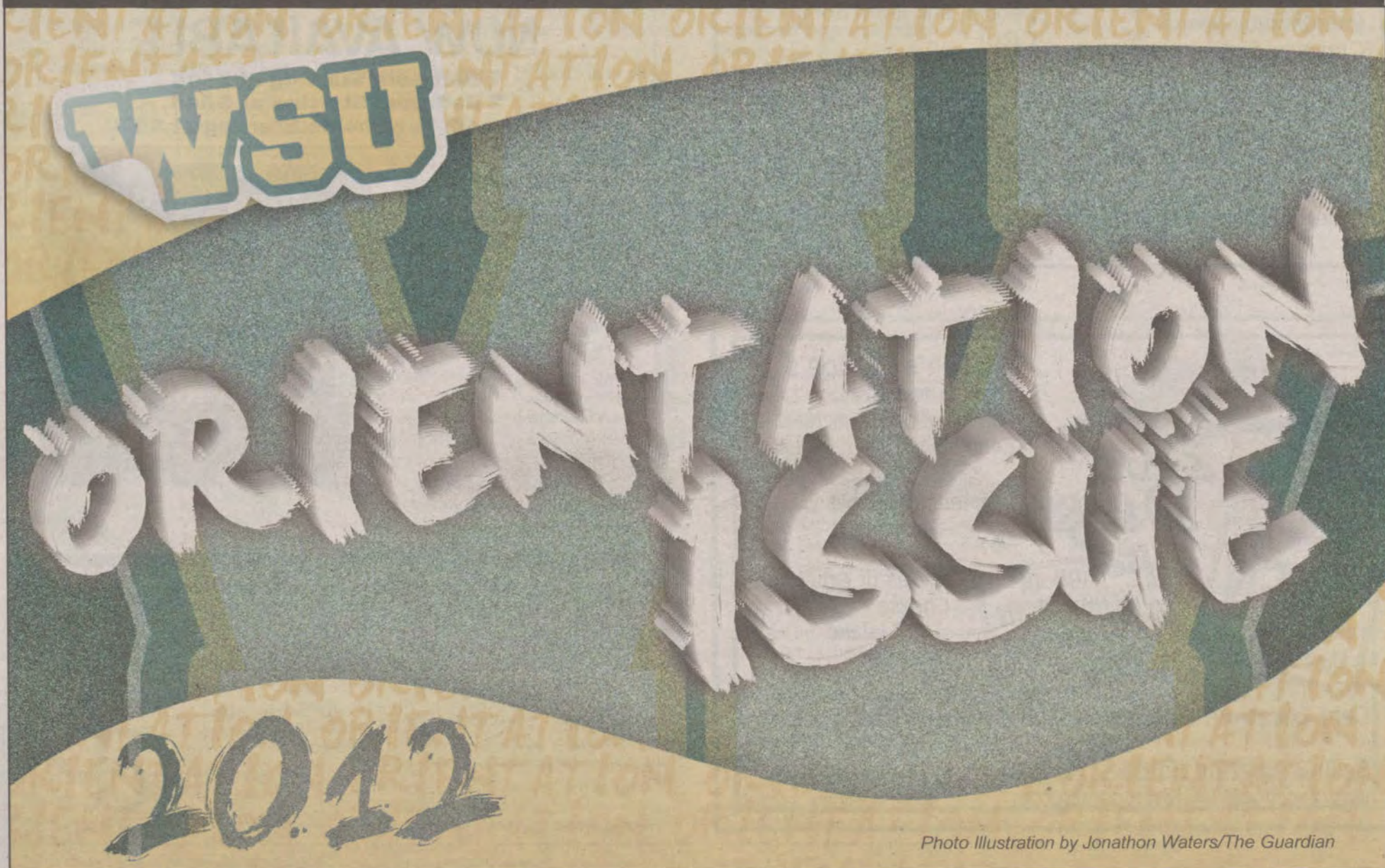


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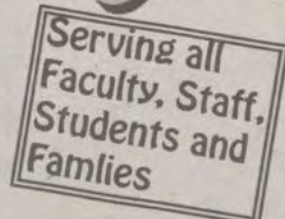
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Tips for a successful first year at WSU

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For many, the couple of years spent in the collegiate atmosphere will be some of the most turbulent of their lives. For others, coming to Wright State marks the beginning of a prolonged academic journey that will eventually result in a lucrative career.

Regardless of your intentions in college, Wright State will undoubtedly provide you with an abundance of experiences and will endow you with more wisdom and intelligence than you had when you first set foot on campus.

For this reason, freshmen are sometimes intimidated or anxious to begin their collegiate journey. The purpose of this article is to alleviate some of that nervousness by shedding a little light on tools and services Wright State University offers to aid students in their scholastic endeavors.

The tunnel system is perhaps one of the most notable features of Wright State. Not only does it provide occasional shelter from the harsh Ohio elements, but it serves as an expeditious way to travel from one side of campus to the other. Located at the basement level of every building on the central campus, the tunnels conveniently have signs and maps at every intersection that help students easily navigate from one building to another.

Another endearing quality to Wright State is the wide array of dining options students have. Whether you're at the Union Market, the Hangar, the Bridge Café, Café Wright, or the Wright Cup, you're sure to find your favorite foods at affordable prices.

All of these locations, along with various off-campus establishments near Wright State, accept resident meal plans making it easier than ever to grab a quick bite to eat. As the Dining Services website says, "It is a community experience centered on culinary expertise, fresh ingredients, healthy options, and a shared sense of environmental and social responsibility."

The dining experience is one enjoyed by Wright State students due to both the quality and variety of available food. Although the hours of operation of the aforementioned locations are subject to change, they are available online at www.wrightstatedining.com.

Conveniently located in the Student Union, the Wright State University Bookstore provides students a plethora of options when it comes time to purchase textbooks for your courses. Because Wright State understands that most college students have a tight budget, they provide the convenient options of renting textbooks or buying used textbooks.

Of course, one can always choose to purchase new textbooks or even eBooks. In addition to course materials and school supplies, the WSU Bookstore offers official Raider apparel, gifts, accessories, and dorm room furnishings. In addition to all of these amenities, the Bookstore will buy back any used or unwanted textbooks with cold hard cash. Hours may vary. Visit wright.bncollege.com for more information.

It's no secret that attending an institution of higher education can be quite a financial strain. Wright-Patt Credit Union understands this and is more than willing to work with students. With an abundance of services and budget-wise benefits, Wright-Patt Credit Union has a convenient location in the Student Union. Additionally, Wright-Patt ATMs are scattered around campus making it easier than ever to check your balance, deposit or withdraw some money. For more information on how willing Wright-Patt Credit Union is to work with students, visit their website at <http://www.wpcu.coop/>.

A very important aspect for many universities is obviously the availability of parking and transportation to and from campus.

Wright State is more than accommodating when it comes to helping students find solutions for getting to and around the university. Students, faculty, and frequent guests all have to purchase a parking permit if a car is brought to and temporarily left on campus, due to the fact that every parking lot at Wright State requires a permit.

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If students have any pressing concerns, issues, comments, or questions, contact Parking Services via email at parking@wright.edu, by phone at (937) 775-5690, or in person at 138 Student Union.

Another imperative aspect to having a successful first year at Wright State is establishing a communicative relationship between you and your advisor. Advisors can help steer you to your dreams and can outline nearly every collegiate step it takes to achieve those dreams. As long as you are open with your advisor in discussing your plans, interests, passions, and goals, he or she will be able to tell you which classes you may be interested in and which ones to avoid. Because all of Wright State's advisors know the curriculum backwards and forwards,

they can help students graduate as soon as possible, and can answer any questions regarding majors, minors, and certificate curricula. To utilize this paramount resource, get into contact with your advisor and schedule an appointment. If a student is unsure of who their advisor is, their name will be located on two pages in WINGS Express, on the Registration & Records page: click on "View Student Information" or run an audit in DARS.

Residential Community Association (RCA) also provides students with a surplus of exciting activities, projects, and services. Recently they have started a new branch of their organization, called Student Weekend Activities Team (SWAT). This is apart of the campus-wide initiative to get students and residents to stay on campus over the weekends. SWAT puts on a plethora of events every single weekend, such as comedy shows, movie showings, dances, music events, and parties!

According to the RCA website, "students that stay on campus for the first six weeks or more enjoy their collegiate experience to a greater degree than those that don't, get more involved on campus, and are more successful in their academic courses because they are able to create new friendships, have shared experiences with diverse individuals, and are able to connect with classmates outside of the classroom making it easier to call on them when a study session is needed."

What's best about these events is that they are already covered by your tuition, so for all intents and purposes,

they are free! By attending these events, you are essentially getting the most bang for your buck. Follow RCA on Twitter @WSU_RCA and "like" the Wright State University Residence Services Facebook Page.

Finally, another amenity Wright State University offers all of its students is the abundance of recreational opportunities. Getting involved in the countless intramural sports offered is a tremendous way to not only get in shape and exercise, but a great way to meet friends and like-minded individuals.

Additionally, a variety of fitness and open recreation programs are available. Anyone with a university ID (Wright 1 Card) can access the fitness center, which has machines, weights, and treadmills for individuals of all fitness levels. Rock climbing, kayaking, backpacking, and caving are just a few of the exciting outdoor activities Wright State offers.

And like most of the programs at Wright State, the recreational activities offered are more than willing to cater and adapt to students with disabilities. To learn more about how you can get fit, have fun, exercise, or even meet a other individuals who are striving to be physically fit, check out Wright State's Campus Recreation website at <http://www.wright.edu/crec/>.

These are just a handful of the services and noteworthy features that Wright State offers to its student populous. These things will not only enhance the experience had by those who attend Wright State, but will more importantly aid in the academic pursuits by all.



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The tunnel system is a great way to stay cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Wright1 Card has many benefits

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The Wright1 Card isn't any ordinary university picture ID; there are many other benefits for students.

All students, along with faculty members are eligible to receive a Wright1 card. The card acts as a pre-paid debit card, as well as a library card, and allows students to have access to recreational areas, such as the Nutter Center and Student Union Fitness Center.

There are different types of dollars that can be put on the card. One is the Flex Dollar\$. These are accepted anywhere on and off campus where Wright1 cards are accepted. The Flex Dollar\$ can be spent on anything in the participating places. With Flex Dollar\$ they roll over from semester to semester and stay on a student's account until they spend them.

Another type of dollar are the

Dining Dollar\$. The Dining Dollar\$ meal plan is required for students living in Hamilton Hall, The Woods or the Honors Community to purchase. These dollars can be spent on campus only and only at campus food service locations, which doesn't include vending machines. The only off-campus exception is Donatos; they accept Dining Dollar\$. Unlike the Flex Dollar\$ the Dining Dollar\$ roll over from the first semester to the second semester, but whatever is left at the end of the school year will go back to the university.

There is one other option for Dining Dollars\$ which is known as Bonus Dining Dollar\$. The difference with these is that any student can purchase them. The Bonus Dining Dollar\$ roll over from semester to semester and like the Flex Dollar\$ stay on the card until the student spends them.

Students wanting to obtain a Wright1 card can visit the Wright1

center, located in E234 Student Union, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The student must bring along a photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, and their UID number to the center.

The first card for each student is free, but if the card is lost or stolen there will be a charge of \$15. If the card is damaged or defective, a student can bring their card to the center and it will be repaired or replaced. If a student loses their card they can call the Wright1 center, 775-5542, between their normal operating hours and the student's account will be placed on a hold. A student can also report a lost or stolen card online through their WINGS account, by logging in, going to the academics tab, looking under the other campus services, and then clicking on the Wright1 card services link.

Students have a few different ways to put money onto their cards

after they receive them. One way for students to put Flex Dollar\$ onto their card is by the deposit stations set up around campus. Some of the locations include, Allyn Hall by the Hangar, Dunbar Library basement or second floor and the Student Union Atrium, next to the Wright-Patt Credit Union. Students can also visit the Wright1 card center, the Bursar's Fee Payment and Deposit Windows, located in the Student Union, the Dunbar Library circulation desk or media room, located on the first and second floors, to deposit money onto their cards. Another option to add Flex Dollar\$ is by logging into their WINGS account and depositing money through this.

Students needing to put Bonus Dining Dollar\$ onto their card can do so through their WINGS account or the Bursar's Fee Payment and Deposit Windows. Students also have the ability to check their cards balance.

Story continued online

WSU offers over 200 student orgs

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The Office of Student Activities at Wright State strives to maximize personal growth and development in students by providing a plethora of opportunities for leadership, service, and involvement in cocurricular activities.

The mission of each student organization on campus directly correlates with the mission of Wright State by working to create experiential learning options outside of the classroom environment.

The student organizations here at Wright State encourages every student to actively participate in the greater educational community. This article will highlight some of the more well-established student organizations on campus.

One of the first things that comes to mind when mulling over the cocurricular options new students have is Greek life. Greek life is comprised of the fraternity and sorority community on Wright State's campus.

The terms "fraternity" and "sorority" describe groups of men and women who join together to offer leadership training, academic support, solidarity, participation in campus activities and events, service to the community and University and preparation for future careers. Greek life provides students with both a sense of purpose and direction. They are referred to as Greek chapters because they are named according to the ancient Greek alphabet.

To learn more about Greek life and how to get involved with any of the fraternities or sororities on campus, check out Wright State's Greek webpage at <http://www.wright.edu/studentactivities/greek/>.

Another headlining member of Wright State's Big 6 is the Black Student Union. BSU serves as an all-encompassing organization for any African-American based group or association at Wright State.

"BSU is very academically focused. We encourage every student to attend our sessions. Not only do we hang out hard, but we study hard. We want to keep as many African-American students engaged in both academics and social activities," said Jarrod Williams, the Historian for BSU.

The Black Student Union also promotes cultural and political awareness through vigorous activism in the Dayton community. According to their website, BSU "helps improve the retention and graduation rates of African-American students."

If interested in joining or contributing to this noble organization, visit BSU's website at <http://www.wright.edu/studentorgs/bsu/>.

A third notable student organization is Rainbow Alliance. Wright State's Rainbow Alliance is a student-run organization that advocates equality and acceptance on behalf of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Ally (GLBTQA) community.

Rainbow Alliance envisions a community in which no individual is discriminated against based on sexual orientation. Through education,

example and compassion, Rainbow Alliance serves as a safe and liberating organization for those who have ever been chastised for being apart of the GLBTQA community. To find out more about this fabulous and colorful organization, log on to its website at <http://www.wright.edu/studentorgs/rainbowalliance/index.html>.

With a prominent emphasis on student involvement, Wright State University Activities Board provides students with a wide variety of entertaining, philanthropic, and informative programs.

UAB has continuously put on a slew of exciting and engaging social events for the entire student body at Wright State and will continue to do so for years to come. By collaborating with various other student organizations on campus, UAB has hosted a wide array of events - from Open Mic Nights to dances and concerts.

As the WSU Activities Board Constitution says, this organization "will foster an environment of inclusivity and action. [UAB] will promote the reputation of Wright State University in all of the events and collaborations."

To find out more about the University Activities Board and to see the myriad of upcoming events, check out the UAB website at <http://www.wsuab.com/>.

Perhaps one of the most well-known student organizations at Wright State is the Student Government. As the voice of the entire student body, Student Government exists to advocate and vocalize any student concerns or interests to the administration.

As a bridge between the student populous and the WSU administration, Student Government's House of Representatives is a remarkable agent for change and fairness on campus.

As SG's website says, "the Senate is responsible for appointing students to University committees, to recommend allocations of the student activity funds, and to serve as a conduit of information from the University to the student body."

With the best interests of every student at Wright State in mind, Student Government will continue to tirelessly advocate and lobby WSU's administration.

Visit Wright State Student Government's website at <http://wsusg.com/> to find out more about university politics.

Here at Wright State, there is an abundance of other student organizations with which any student can get involved. Each organization is reinforced by unconditional solidarity and a strong sense of community, both of which are evident in the zeal of every member.

Wright State has always adamantly encouraged students to get involved and to participate in the ongoing around campus; joining a student organization is the perfect way to do this. By providing students a sense of involvement and purpose, student organizations help members develop identity and flourish individualism through group initiatives. With over 200 student organizations and clubs, students are bound to find something they are interested in and can be a part of.

Student Academic Success Center offers support for first year students

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As a first year student new classes can be overwhelming and heavy amounts of course work and studying can be tricky to transition into. Here at WSU our goal is to offer students support and any academic assistance they may need to be successful during their college careers. The Student Academic Success Center is a major tool offered on campus for students who need support in completing coursework and studying for tests and exams. The Center includes many services all aimed at generating overall student success. These programs include: Tutoring Services, Supplemental Instruction, the Math Learning Center, and the University Writing Center. Below is a breakdown of what each of these programs offers.

Tutoring Services

This is an opportunity for students to receive one on one help and support from over 150 of their student peers. These individuals have previously taken and have been successful the classes that they are tutoring. Natalie Orndorf, a Biology pre-med major, is a tutor for a variety of science classes enjoys helping students and being available to answer questions. "My freshman year I don't know what I would have done if I didn't have Tutoring Services. If I was having a hard time with homework I could just go ask for help. I tutor students now because I know firsthand how hard it can be." This is a unique opportunity for students to ask individual questions and get hands on assistance. There is a minimal fee for these services, however first year students automatically receive 1 hour free per week per class.

Supplemental Instruction

Supplemental Instruction (SI) offers a group time session where students who need help studying for a particular exam. SI is a relatively new implementation and is used widely among first year general education classes. For the most part, these classes are bigger and it is more difficult for students to receive one on one assistance. SI is taught by a student who has already taken the class and offers study techniques and helpful procedures to be successful on exams. This service is open and free to all students.

Math Learning Center

When students need assistance with introductory math courses or individual math assignments, the Math Learning Center is ready and available

for use. This is a walk-in opportunity that serves students individually and is a great resource for students who struggle with math. One incentive that this Center offers is a rental program, in which students can rent a graphing calculator for \$20 refundable deposit for an entire semester.

University Writing Center

The overall goal of this program is to help students become proficient and polished writers so that they are able to be skilled writers in their choice career fields. This Center provides individual assistance for students who need help writing papers, reports, presentations etc. Each writing consultant will help students with formatting, producing ideas, grammatical/ style errors, research and organization. The Writing Center is a beneficial opportunity for students to take advantage of, especially during their first year.

Coming Changes to the SASC

Tim Littell, Assistant Dean for Programming in the University College is advocate for student success and oversees the first year programs, developmental education, and the student academic success center. Littell is looking forward to the semester change and offers information on the changes happening to the SASC. "We are very excited about the semester calendar changes and the opportunity to serve students in new ways. We anticipate that we may experience different peaks in demand over the course of the 14-week semester so we will be providing some enhancements to include extended times as well as utilizing technology to provide some access to help outside of our regular hours."

Littell mentions changes to the developmental math department as well. "Over several months, a collective team of faculty and staff have been working to review a number of best practices and to look at what can work effectively at Wright State and for our students in Developmental Math. So this summer you will see a major transformation of the MM 160 complex into a student-centered, high-tech, high-touch facility for delivering developmental mathematics. This model utilizes technology to individually identify and prescribe a learning path for students with an approach that focuses on students "doing" math (rather than passively watching an instructor perform math) in a supportive environment where instructors and proctors serve as facilitators in this lab environment." This design is similar to the current model of instruction, but offers various technological updates. Littell adds

that "This major course redesign is a big task led by a dedicated team of faculty and staff. I'm confident we can make this transformation as smooth as possible; always with a laser-focus on student success as our first and only goal."

First Year Tips on How to be Successful

Compared to high school, college is a self-disciplinary environment in which motivation is primarily self-induced. Many first year students struggle with maintaining coursework with extracurricular and social activities. One piece of advice that Littell offers insight on is taking course work and material outside of the classroom. "For many students, the increased work load comes as a big surprise. Our experience has been that students who struggle most often to not put in the required amount of time outside of class -- either in preparing for the upcoming class or in reviewing notes or doing homework from the previous class."

Transitioning into college with a

decent academic record is beneficial, however college coursework challenges many first year students to think critically and analytically. This can come as new and challenging to many students. Littell gives thoughts on how changing your perspective on familiar academic settings can change the way you perform in a college setting. "Practicing being a great student is not unlike practicing being in a competitive sport for athletes or practicing a performance for artists and musicians. Being a successful university student entails good time management, utilizing effective study strategies, and engaging support systems. Students should see asking for help as something all good students do, not just ones who are struggling."

Overall, college is a new and exciting experience that molds who you become and what your future entails. As a campus, WSU is honored to invite a fresh class of innovative students to be a part of campus. Our goal is to help each and every student create an authentic college experience while generating a skillful academic performance loaded with success.



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Students share first year advice to incoming WSU students

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Going to college is a new experience for everyone. However, there are many students on campus willing to offer advice.

Freshman psychology major Dayleesha Jackson spent her freshman year living at the dorms in The Woods. According to Jackson, living on campus helps students meet new people and get to events easier. Jackson suggests students study somewhere other than their room like the dorm lounge or library.

Jackson likes to eat at the Hanger where students may order Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Burger King, a salad bar or a deli sandwich. According to Jackson the pricing is reasonable.

Jackson loves to play volleyball and The Woods has their own volleyball court for residents. She suggests students attend the events hosted by the Residential Community Association (RCA).

Many students have trouble with their roommate freshman year, but Jackson planned ahead.

"We talked over summer and I got to know her. We became best friends," said Jackson.

Jackson said students should not

worry about making friends.

"It's a lot easier [to make friends] because everyone's looking for people to hang out with," said Jackson.

Jackson's favorite aspects of Wright State are the faculty and staff, the size and how there is always an event going on. Jackson recommends students are aware of how they spend their time. Since college offers students more freedom than they are used to, some will put off studying to go out with friends.

According to Jackson, college is important because it shapes people.

"It's an adjustment," said Jackson. "You'll learn to grow living like this. Try to get involved. If you're just sitting in your dorm, it will get boring."

Freshman management information systems major Dan Darkow lived in Hamilton Hall his first year.

"It's a great atmosphere to get involved," said Darkow. "It's so convenient to be right where the action is."

According to Darkow the Hamilton Hall RA's put on a lot of great events and the dorm has a sense of community. Darkow does not have a roommate so he feels comfortable studying in his room. He also eats at the Union Market since it is right next

to Hamilton Hall. The Union Market offers a wide range of food including: stir-fry, pizza, subs, chicken, pasta and much more.

In his spare time Darkow enjoys going to Student Weekend Activities Team (SWAT) events, which include musicians, magicians, comedians and movie screenings.

Darkow agrees that it was not hard to make friends.

"You just have to be willing to put yourself out there, get involved and join organizations that interest you," said Darkow.

Darkow's top three favorite things about Wright State are the accessibility, sense of community and his friends. The hardest part of college for Darkow was taking responsibility for what he did. According to Darkow, it is a lot harder to get work done when there is not someone there to make sure you are doing it.

"[College] sets the stage for the rest of your life," said Darkow. "Wright State is such a great place to be and getting involved can make college one of the best experiences of your life."

Freshman nursing major Samantha Friedmann spent her first year living in the Honors dorm. She enjoyed living on campus because it gave her a chance to have the "college

experience."

Friedmann suggest to study anywhere without a bed or couch because it is easy to fall asleep. She prefers the Union Market over the Hanger because she does not like fast food. In her spare time she likes to hang out around Dayton with her friends, go to campus events and take walks in the woods. She has also had a good roommate experience.

"It took some time to get used to sharing the small living space, but I've made life-long friends and have learned a lot," said Friedmann.

Friedmann suggests students get out of their rooms in order to meet new people.

Friedmann's top three favorite things about Wright State are the diversity, the beauty of the campus and the tunnels, especially in rain and snow.

"College is important because it lets you discover who you are," said Friedmann. "The friends I've made this year are more compatible to me because I've been able to be more myself this year. When you get to college there is less pressure to be someone you're not and it's easier to explore who you are. Not to mention you can get a degree."

What new students should know about freshman orientation

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Orientation is a way to meet new people, ask questions about college life and learn about the resources Wright State has to offer.

According to John Rogers, orientation provides new students information on the many questions freshmen have about college.

"[Freshmen] should expect a lot more opportunity to connect with current students," said Rogers.

Speakers will talk about different subjects that many students have questions about. There will be a performance by the Orientation Team Leaders called Real World. The skits will show real life situations and help students learn how to handle them. Some skit themes are: diversity, roommate relationships and safety. At the end of the performance, students will be able to ask questions.

Parents will be able to listen to a presentation called Letting Go, which provides college transition for parents.

This presentation will give advice on how to help students become independent.

The different colleges on campus will also give presentations. After the presentations, students will be able to attend an academic advising session.

Students will also learn about how to prepare for a college resume. This will give students advice on how to make their resume stand out after college. Subjects will include: service learning, learning communities and studying abroad.

Every year the Board of Faculty picks a book, which Wright State uses as a common text. These books have inspirational themes, which may be used in multiple freshmen classes. This year the common text is "Girl in Translation" by Jean Kwok. It follows this year's theme- barriers. It is about a young woman who is in a new environment, which freshmen can relate to.

"Orientation is important because orientation is essentially the first day of college," said Rogers. "It gets students primed for what's to come."

At orientation, students will receive an orientation bag filled with a pen, notepad, folder and "Girl in Translation." Parents will also receive a Barnes & Noble bag with a pen, notepad and orientation parent's guide. At orientation students will also receive a copy of their schedule, their Wright1 card (college ID) and a CATS account.

Food will be provided throughout the day. There will be a continental breakfast, a picnic style lunch and ice cream sandwiches provided by the bookstore at the end.

Orientation is a requirement for every student under 23, however, Rogers encourages everyone to come. He also recommends students bring their parents.

Orientation provides students with the resources they need to start college and it prepares them for the difficulties they may face.

"Go to class. Go to class. Go to class," said Rogers. "Try to start strong, but set realistic goals. Be aware of your financial status and pay attention to loans and debts. Get to

know your professors. Take advantage of all the diversity and opportunities here on campus."

Orientation will be held June 5 through Aug. 1. It will be on every Tues. and Wed., plus one Sat. in June and July. Orientation will start at 8 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Students will have the option to go on a guided tour at the end of orientation.

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September 5th, 2012

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September 12th, 2012

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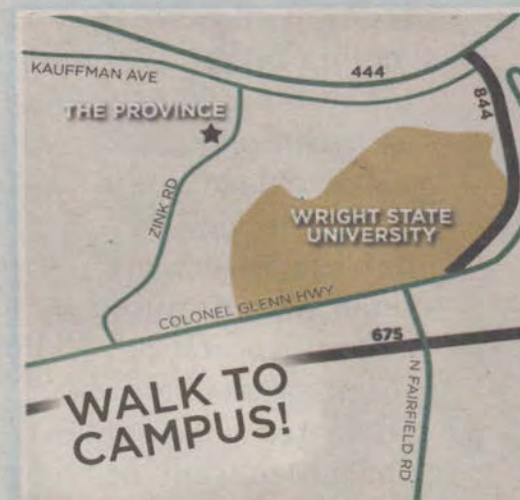
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D'Shyra Norman
Biomedical Engineering with
Pre-Med Track
Sophomore

"I would have to say all the events—like weekend events, events throughout the week; all of them, I love them, every one that I went to."



Aaron Schwieterman
Computer Engineering
Sophomore

"My favorite thing during my freshman year was being part of CCM and just hanging out with a bunch of people and meeting new friends there. Especially coming to Spring Retreat because that's where I met a lot of new people."

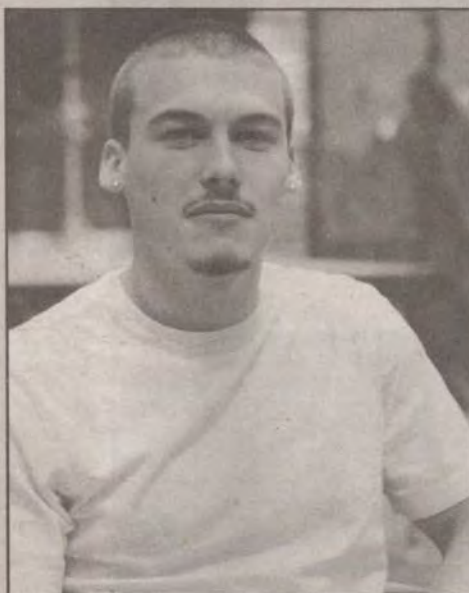
Christopher Niles
Undecided, leaning towards
Business
Freshman

"That's kind of hard. I'd guess just being in the new environment getting used to the general freedom I have. Meeting all the new people, joining some clubs."



James Reynolds
Computer Science
Sophomore

"My favorite experience is, when you're taking a class—and the class is hard—and you're working on a project or something and you finally get to that part where everything comes together and you figure out the problem. I like that the most."



Jacob Suhr
MIS Business
Freshman

"My favorite experience is probably just getting out and kind of having freedom. It's not like high school—you have your own time schedule and everything."



Leslie Allan
Nursing
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Capturing a year of WSU athletics



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The men's tennis team had a great 2011-2012 regular season and will look to improve upon it next year with a Horizon League Tournament win.



The swim teams will rely on experience as many of the swimmers will be back to compete next season.



Although the softball team did not have the most success this season, they have already begun training in the weight room for extra conditioning.

Photos contributed by the WSU Athletic Department



The men's basketball team got to be part of a once in a life time trip as they traveled across the border to Italy to play in exhibition matches and gain valuable experience before its season got underway.

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Raider Insider with Matt Myers

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Matt Myers is a senior Mass Communication major from Cincinnati. On May 18, Myers competed at the INBF Tri-State Bodybuilding and Figure Championships in Dayton. Myers joined Wright State alumni Logan Hess ('11) in the Men's Open Middleweight division and placed third. Hess won the title, but Myers plans to try again in the future. He talked with The Guardian about the competition and shed insight into the world of bodybuilding.

The Guardian: "When did you start bodybuilding?"

Myers: "I started seriously [training] about two years ago. That's when I really started doing my legs really strong. I think that's one thing that separates a bodybuilder from just a weightlifter, which I think there's a difference. We do legs and we do them really hard. Once I started doing that, I think it took off from there."

The Guardian: "What inspired you to start?"

Myers: "For me it was a gradual thing. I started as a weightlifter, and then I started reading into bodybuilding. It was cool because you're kind of in control of what you do. It's not one of those sports where you might need a little bit more of an athletic—I wouldn't say athletic, but genetic—advantage. There's genetics in bodybuilding, but you're in control of how you look. So it's pretty cool. One you get into it, it's fun [and] you're in control of your destiny."

The Guardian: "Was the Tri-State your first competition?"

Myers: "That was my first. I did it more for the experience, to see what it was like to compete onstage. I don't plan on doing another one for two years, so I'll have good offseason training for about a year-and-a-half."

The Guardian: "What did you learn from the experience?"

Myers: "It taught me that bodybuilding is not necessarily [body] size that will win every contest. They like size, but at the same time you have to be proportional. So if you have a really big upper body, you need to still have a good lower body to go with it. And that's vice versa. I had really big legs, but my chest and my back weren't exactly what they should have been, so I wasn't proportional. I was in his (Hess) weight class, and he was the most proportional. I might have had bigger legs than him, but his upper body fights his lower body. And not only that, they also grade you by your conditioning, how much you don't shake onstage [or] look like you're tired and just how you pose. Posing is a big deal, too. Logan was a really good poser and that's why he won. I

think a big thing for him is that he was conditioned and worked really hard and he was a really good poser. I think it paid off well for him. Not only is it about lifting weights, but it's about being disciplined in the posing, so you have to practice posing all the time. You have to make sure when you're dieting and conditioning you do that right, too, so you look just right when you go onstage."

The Guardian: "What was the training and dieting like leading up to the competition?"

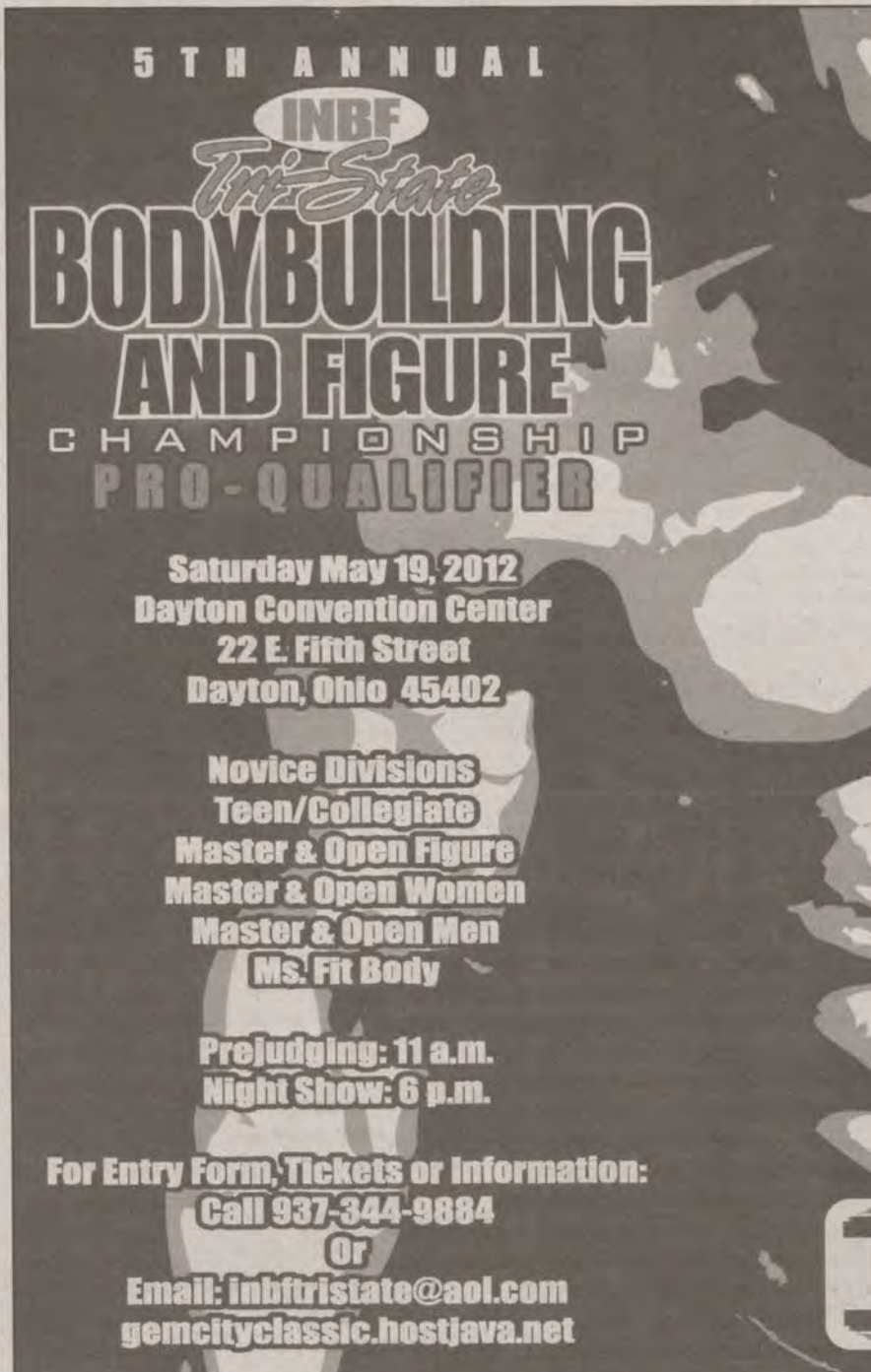
Myers: "It was really hard. I'm sure everyone has tried all these diets out there, but with bodybuilding it's drastic. And you have to know you're body. This was my first show, so I found out a lot about how I need to diet. So for me, it was cutting carbs. You cut your carbs and you can only eat certain kinds of complex carbs, which are like brown rice [and] sweet potatoes. I could go without eating another sweet potato for two years because I had so many. I like them, but it's just that those are the best kinds of carbs out there. My carb intake the last month-and-a-half was about 80-100 g. That's like one sweet potato cut in half, basically, depending on how big it is. So you're really depleted, but you just have to keep going. You have to eat every two to three hours. Your carb intake is low [and] your sodium intake goes down, so you're really tired all the time. Actually, that's probably the biggest thing—being tired."

The Guardian: "Bodybuilding requires tanning and posing. How did those processes go?"

Myers: "The tanning part isn't very hard. For me, that's never been entertaining, so I thought it was goofy. I had no idea how to tan or anything when I went to L.A. Tan down the street from here (Wright State). That was pretty easy, but posing is really hard. It seems like you go up there and flex your muscles, but you have to flex as hard as you possibly can every pose. Only one of the poses you're allowed to show your face looking really intense and scary. But for everything else you have to look calm and at the same time, you're really flexing as hard as you can. You can't be shaking. It's almost like a cardio session when you do a practice pose because it puts a lot of energy into every muscle you flex. You're out of breath when you're practicing. Plus, when you do most of your practicing, you're dieting, so your carb intake is low and you're already tired. It just really makes it hard."

The Guardian: "How long were you training?"

Myers: "It's a year-round thing. My off-season is roughly seven months. That's when we put on mass. During the season when we're training for a competition, I do it for five months. And that's all based on how your metabolism works. Mine isn't the



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Myers finished third in the middleweight division while former WSU student Logan Hess placed first.

same as Logan's. Logan dieted for five months, too. (WSU student) Pharin [Willis] body builds, and he only has to diet for like two-and-a-half months. So it all depends on what time of year it is, so it's a year-round process. For me, training for the competition was five months, and that's when you work out more often. I do four days a week in the offseason. During training for a competition, I do five to six [days a week]. It was six for the last two months. I did legs twice a week, so I try to get the cuts in my legs. I do high reps, but some people say don't change your workout at all. It's kind of what you think works for your body. There's so many different things out there that they tell you to do. So I always say it's based on your body type. Some people can lift heavy or try to lift heavy if that works out for them. Some people need to do 20 reps to get those cuts in their legs and arms. Some people don't change anything at all when they diet and some people do. It's all based on

how you are."

The Guardian: "Will you compete again?"

Myers: "I am going to do the Tri-State, the same thing we did this year, probably in two years. Not next year, but probably in 2014. And I want to get my pro card and I think I can because I've been blessed to have big legs. In bodybuilding, having big legs is really important. In bodybuilding, they say if you don't have [good] legs or a back, you're never going to make it. Luckily, I have the legs, which are really hard to grow if you don't have them. Now, I need to work on my back. I definitely think in two years that I have a shot at winning. The one thing that I learned doing it this year is that I didn't look like a first place winner. At least I knew I belonged up there and I didn't look goofy! The first show is always a learning experience. You don't want to do another show after that unless you feel you can win."

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Fall semester means the start of a new year for Wright State athletics

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As the end of school year comes to a close, so do the athletics. But it is never too early to take a look ahead to Raider athletics for the upcoming 2012-2013 seasons.

Early into the fall semester, many sports including men's and women's soccer, volleyball and golf will get underway, and with each new season comes the chance for the teams to begin their quest for Horizon League Titles and great seasons.

Men's Soccer

After beginning the season with mild expectations, the men put together a very good season overall. They finished second in both the Horizon League regular season standings as well as in the Horizon League Tournament. They had an overall record of 11-7-2 and a conference record of 5-1-2.

They made a deep playoff run all the way to the tournament finals where they lost 1-0 to Loyola in overtime. The team will return key starters such as Bryce Rockwell-Ashton but will also lose some seniors including midfielder Brian Cothorn. After the late run in the conference tournament, the team has been on everyone's list to watch out for in the upcoming season.

Women's soccer

The ladies finished their 2011 campaign with a winning record of 10-8-3 and finished fourth in conference with a record of 3-3-2.

They, like the men, also made a

Men's Soccer

Friday, Aug. 2
at Akron 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 19
vs. Marquette 12:00 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 24
at Marshall 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 28
at Xavier 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 31
at Wolstein Classic

late run in the conference tournament before losing in the final to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The team will be losing eight seniors to graduation and will need someone to step up and lead the team next season.

Defender Lauren Patterson and goalkeeper Brooke McCurdy will be important returning players for the team next season. An exhibition with Xavier University on Sunday, Aug. 5 will be the kickoff to the 2012 season.

Volleyball

After an overall disappointing season in which the team finished with an overall record of 6-23 and a 7th place finish in the Horizon League, it will look to new head coach Susan Clements for guidance.

Clements comes to WSU after being head coach of Niagara University for

Women's Soccer

Sunday, Aug. 5
at Xavier 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 12
at Louisville 1:00 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 17
vs. Ohio 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 20
vs. Mount Vernon 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 24
at Colorado Tournament

the past five seasons. She has led Niagara to multiple MAAC titles and will look to bring that success along with her to Wright State. Sophomore Heidi Splinter, who lead the team in kills (290) and digs (304) this past season, will be returning for the Raiders.

Only two seniors will be leaving the team which means it will be an experienced group returning on Friday, Aug. 24 to take on Marshall University to open the season.

Golf

If the golf team wants to be successful next season, it will have to quickly learn to deal with the loss of two seniors and captains.

Seniors Jordan Higgins and Scott Thompson will be leaving after four seasons playing for the Raiders. The team's best finishes during the 2011-

Volleyball

Friday, Aug. 24
at Marshall Tournament

Saturday, Aug. 25
at Marshall Tournament

Tuesday, Aug. 28
vs. Northern Kentucky 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 31
at First State Skyhawk Invite

Saturday, Sept. 1
at First State Skyhawk Invite

2012 seasons came at the UK Bluegrass Invitational where it finished 3rd out of 15 teams and at the C&F Bank Intercollegiate where it finished 6th out of 29 teams.

Key returning players for the Raider golf team include soon to be sophomore Cody Nickson and junior Ricky Denny, along with 5th year senior Paul VanDeventer. No schedule has been released for the upcoming season, but the team will be looking forward to Horizon League Tournament during the spring portion of the season where it finished 2nd in 2010.

For updates on all the roster changes, schedule updates, and important news on all the Wright State teams throughout the summer and as they get into their perspective seasons, you can visit the athletic website at www.wsuraiders.com.

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